

Malema quizzes Zondo on gender equality in the judiciary

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EFF leader Julius Malema yesterday asked Judge Raymond Zondo, who has spoken out about how women are not equally represented in the judiciary, why he did not decline his nomination to the deputy chief justice position, and allow it to be given to a woman instead.

Malema is one of the commissioners interviewing candidates for the senior judicial position.

He asked whether the appointment of a male candidate to the deputy chief justice position would be two steps backwards in gender

transformation as a woman, Bess Nkabinde, was acting in the post.

Nkabinde's 12-year term comes to an end on December 31, making her ineligible to permanently take up the post.

"Why didn't you decline the nomination?" Malema asked.

Zondo said: "I am here because the president [Jacob Zuma] wrote to the JSC and said that he is considering appointing me deputy chief justice."

"I don't have the information that the president had at his disposal in making the decision he made, but when I was told that this board is

required to give its views on me, I availed myself for the interview."

Earlier, Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, who is chairing the interviews, declared that he and Zondo were friends, having met at university in 1981.

Malema asked whether Zondo was not concerned about the perceptions that would arise if two friends were to head the highest court in the land.

He asked whether his appointment would not damage the good reputation of the office of the chief justice.

Zondo said their friendship would not affect his integrity.

He serves as a Constitutional Court judge and said that he and Mogoeng were able to have differing views on court matters, despite the fact that they were friends.

Mogoeng also questioned Zondo on whether he thought any harm could come from two friends, who both have integrity, working side by side towards a common case.

Zondo said: "No."

Should he get the job, Zondo would like to open a debate about changing the way trials are conducted and proposed that trial matters be brought before the courts by way of affidavits.

He said trials were usually dragged out longer than necessary because parties tended to withhold evidence until it was convenient to present it.

"Affidavits would force that everyone disclose [what they have] beforehand," he said.

He also said that during his time as Judge President of the Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court, he had initiated a programme to develop black labour lawyers and judges.

"The reality was that a lot of black lawyers did not have much knowledge on labour law," Zondo said.

"A lot of black labour lawyers

were not getting that work. A lot of women were not getting that work."

He brought in experienced black women lawyers whom he believed were sound in law and tasked them with cases.

Later the commission heard that racial divisions existed between judges serving in the Supreme Court of Appeal.

Acting SCA president Mandisa Maya said they were working on changing this.

"If there is any court that needs diversity training, it is our court. We simply don't get along," Maya said during her interview for the SCA

president post. She said that she was behind organising a diversity seminar for her colleagues.

"Many colleagues signed up for it and the results of it were positive," Maya said.

The day after the two-day seminar, Maya said she was shocked to see the immediate transformation.

"I went to the tearoom and, for the first time, I walked in and saw judges sitting, mixing, a white judge sitting next to a black judge and a coloured judge," she said.

Previously the different races occupied their own corners.

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1. Draft Reviewed Integrated Development Plan 2017/2018
2. Draft Capital and Operating Budget for 2017/2018

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Local Government Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulation (2001), the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 Act (32 of 2000) and the Municipal Finance Management Act 2003, Act (56 of 2003) that the above mentioned plans were adopted by Council on the 30 March 2017. Copies are available to all Stakeholders and to the general public in all Municipal Satellite Offices for inspection and comments.

Written comments must be submitted to the Office of the Municipal Manager, P O BOX 47, Kirkwood or 30 Middle Street, Kirkwood 6120 or can be emailed to tembille@srvm.gov.za / tembille@gmail.com by no later than 1 May 2017.

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OVERSIGHT REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 129(3) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act 2003, Act (56 of 2003) and Section 21A of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000, Act (32 of 2000) that the Council of the Sundays River Valley Municipality at its Ordinary meeting held on 30 March 2017, adopted a Final Annual Report and an Oversight Report with regard to the Annual Report for the period of July 2015 to 30 June 2016

Copies of the Report are available for inspection during office hours (07h30 – 16h00) in all Municipal Satellite Offices.

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KOUKAMMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

DRAFT BUDGET 2017/18

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 22 of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2013 read with Section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, that the Kou-kamma Municipal Council on 30 March 2017 in a meeting held at the management room which was open to members of the public adopted its Draft 2017/18 Integrated Development Plan and Budget as envisaged in terms of section 16(2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act. The municipality invites communities, stakeholders and all interested parties to submit comments on the 2017/18 Draft IDP and Budget which are available for inspection at all municipal satellite offices and on the municipal website at www.koukammamunicipality.gov.za.

Comments must reach the municipal offices by no later than 28 April 2017. All comments must be addressed to the office of the Municipal Manager.

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